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AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 10865

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN PINS US XF

SUBJECT: SEPT 8 TWA CRASH

1. DEPT WILL NOTE THAT PLO, IN STATEMENT ISSUED HERE LATE SEPT 8 (FBIS BE090720), HAS DENIED ANY FEDAYEEN INVOLVEMENT IN CRASH OF TWA AIRLINER EN ROUTE ATHENS-ROME. STATEMENT ADDED THAT SO-CALLED "ARAB NATIONALIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION (ANYO) FOR LIBERATION OF PALESTINE" WAS AN "IMAGINARY" ENTITY INVENTED BY ZIONISTS TO ISSUE FAKE PARIS? BASED COMMUNIQUE FOR PURPOSE OF DEFAMING PALESTINIAN CAUSE. PDFLP SPOKESMAN IN BEIRUT REPORTED ISSUED SIMILAR DENIAL HERE SEPT 8. SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT BEIRUT INDEPENDENT DAILY AN NAHAR REPORTEDLY RECEIVED ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL LATE SEPT 8 FROM PERSON PURPORTING TO SPEAK FOR ANYO. CALLER ALLEGEDLY CONVEYED SAME "DETAILS" AS THOSE CONTAINED IN EARLIER ANYO STATEMENT CARRIED BY AFP FROM PARIS (FBIS BE082002 AND CONFIDENTIAL

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2. COMMENT: FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH, WE RECALL THAT GROUP CALLING ITSELF ANYO HAS PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR AT LEAST TWO AERIAL TERRORIST INCIDENTS--FIRST IN OCT 1972 (HIJACK OF LUFTHANSA FLIGHT FROM BEIRUT TO ZAGHREB WHICH FORCED RELEASE OF SURVIVING MUNICH TERRORISTS) AND SECOND IN SEPT 1973 (HIJACK OF KLM JUMBO FROM BEIRUT TO ABU DHABI). IN ADDITION, ANYO ALSO CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR MARCH 1974 ATTEMPTED HIJACK OF ANOTHER KLM JUMBO WHICH WAS ABORTED BY LEBANESE SECURITY OFFICIALS AT BEIRUT AIRPORT (TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, FIVE PERSONS ARRESTED IN THAT INCIDENT ARE STILL IN GOL CUSTODY). WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING, HOWEVER, WHETHER FEDAYEEN WERE ACTUALLY INVOLVED IN YES-TERDAY'S TWA CRASH, OR WHETHER PERSONS STYLING THEMSELVES AS ANYO ON THIS OCCASION ARE SAME AS THOSE WHO CALLED THEMSELVES ANYO IN CONNECTION WITH PAST INCIDENTS NOTED ABOVE.  
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